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TITLE: Recombinant thermostable enzyme which releases trehalose from non-reducing saccharide

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TITLE: Thermostable trehalose-releasing enzyme

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TITLE: Recombinant thermostable enzyme which releases trehalose from non-reducing saccharide

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6017899 A

TITLE: Non-reducing saccharide-forming enzyme, its preparation and uses

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File: USPT

US-PAT-NO: 5976856

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5976856 A

TITLE: Recombinant thermostable enzyme which forms non-reducing saccharide from reducing amylaceous saccharide

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments	Claims	KWIC	Draw Desc	Image
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US-PAT-NO: 5922578

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5922578 A

TITLE: Recombinant thermostable enzyme which forms non-reducing saccharide from reducing amylaceous saccharide

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments	Claims	KWIC	Draw Desc	Image
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TITLE: Saccharide composition comprising maltooligosylturanose and maltooligosylpalatinose, its preparation and uses

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File: USPT

US-PAT-NO: 5856146

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5856146 A

TITLE: Recombinant thermostable enzyme which releases trehalose from non-reducing saccharide

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments	Claims	KIMC	Draw Desc	Image
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US-PAT-NO: 5723327

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5723327 A

TITLE: Thermostable trehalose-releasing enzyme, and its preparation and uses

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US-PAT-NO: 5716838

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5716838 A

TITLE: Non-reducing saccharide-forming enzyme, its preparation and uses

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5714368 A

TITLE: Thermostable non-reducing saccharide-forming enzyme its production and uses

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US-PAT-NO: 5677442

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5677442 A

TITLE: Method of crystallizing trehalose without using organic solvent

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US-PAT-NO: 5610047

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5610047 A

TITLE: Non-reducing saccharide-forming enzyme, its preparation and uses

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Aug 21, 1996

PUB-NO: EP000727485A1

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: EP 727485 A1

TITLE: Method for conversion of a starch material, and enzyme composition suitable therefor

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Nov 21, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6150153

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6150153 A

TITLE: Thermostable trehalose-releasing enzyme

DATE-ISSUED: November 21, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 08/ 888158 [PALM]

DATE FILED: July 3, 1997

PARENT-CASE:

This is a continuation of parent application Ser. No. 08/485,132 filed Jun. 7, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,723,327.

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INT-CL: [07] C12 N 1/20

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FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 435/252.1, 435/822, 435/200, 435/201

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ART-UNIT: 161

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Prats; Francisco

ABSTRACT:

Disclosed are novel thermostable trehalose-releasing enzyme, and its preparations and uses. The enzyme is obtainable from the culture of microorganisms such as Sulfolobus acidocaldarius (ATCC 33909 and ATCC 49426) and Sulfolobus solfataricus (ATCC 35091 and ATCC 35092), and capable of hydrolyzing at a temperature of over 55.degree. C. the linkage between a trehalose moiety and the remaining glycosyl moiety in a non-reducing saccharide having a trehalose structure as an end unit and having a degree of glucose polymerization of 3 or higher. Trehalose and compositions containing the same are extensively useful in food products, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals.

1 Claims, 5 Drawing figures



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File: USPT

US-PAT-NO: 6150153

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6150153 A

TITLE: Thermostable trehalose-releasing enzyme

DATE-ISSUED: November 21, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Miyake; Toshio	Okayama			JP

US-CL-CURRENT: 435/252.1; 435/200, 435/201, 435/822

CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. A biologically pure culture of a microorganism capable of producing a thermostable trehalose-releasing enzyme which specifically hydrolyzes the linkage between a trehalose moiety and the remaining glycosyl moiety in a non-reducing saccharide having a trehalose structure as an end unit and a degree of glucose polymerization of at least 3, but which does not form trehalose from starch wherein said microorganism is selected from the group consisting of microorganisms of the genus Sulfolobus and mutants thereof, with the exclusion of Sulfolobus acidocaldarius strains having ATCC numbers 33909 and 49426, and Sulfolobus solfataricus strains having ATCC numbers 35091 and 35092, wherein said biologically pure culture is obtained by culturing said microorganism in a nutrient culture medium to produce said enzyme and removing the impurities from the culture to increase the purity of said enzyme, said biologically pure culture having at least 0.03 unit/ml of enzyme activity.

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Feb 22, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6027918

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6027918 A

TITLE: Recombinant thermostable enzyme which releases trehalose from non-reducing saccharide

DATE-ISSUED: February 22, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 08/ 798269 [PALM]

DATE FILED: February 11, 1997

PARENT-CASE:

This is a division of co-pending parent application Ser. No. 08/505,377 filed Jul. 21, 1995.

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JP	6-190180	September 21, 1994
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INT-CL: [07] C12 P 21/02, C12 N 9/24, C12 N 15/31, C12 N 15/52

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US-CL-CURRENT: 435/69.2; 435/183, 435/200, 435/252.33, 435/320.1, 435/69.1, 435/71.1, 435/71.2, 536/23.1, 536/23.2, 536/23.7

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ART-UNIT: 163

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Knode; Marian C.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Zeman; Mary K

ABSTRACT:

Disclosed is a recombinant thermostable enzyme which has a molecular weight of about 54,000-64,000 daltons and a pI of about 5.6-6.6, and releases trehalose from non-reducing saccharides having a trehalose structure as an end unit and a degree of glucose polymerization of at least 3. The enzyme has a satisfactorily-high thermostability, i.e. it is not substantially inactivated even when incubated in an aqueous solution (pH 7.0) at 85.degree. C. for 60 min, and this facilitates the production of trehalose on an industrial scale and in a satisfactorily-high yield.

13 Claims, 6 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6027918 A

TITLE: Recombinant thermostable enzyme which releases trehalose from non-reducing saccharide

DATE-ISSUED: February 22, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Kubota; Michio	Okayama			JP
Sugimoto; Toshiyuki	Okayama			JP

US-CL-CURRENT: 435/69.2; 435/183, 435/200, 435/252.33, 435/320.1, 435/69.1, 435/71.1, 435/71.2, 536/23.1, 536/23.2, 536/23.7

CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. An isolated DNA molecule encoding a thermostable enzyme obtainable from a microorganism of the genus *Sulfolobus* having the following physico-chemical properties:

(1) Action

Releasing trehalose from non-reducing saccharides having a trehalose structure as an end unit and a degree of glucose polymerization of at least 3, but not substantially acting on maltooligosaccharides having a degree of glucose polymerization of at least 3;

(2) Molecular weight

About 54,000-64,000 daltons on sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDA-PAGE);

(3) Isoelectric point (pI)

About 5.6-6.6 on isoelectrophoresis; and

(4) Thermostability

Substantially not inactivated even when incubated in an aqueous solution (pH 7.0) at 85.degree. C. for 60 min.

2. The isolated DNA molecule according to claim 1, wherein a base sequence encoding said thermostable enzyme is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2 and a sequence having sequence similarity to SEQ ID NO:2 where one or more bases in SEQ ID NO:2 are replaced with different bases on the basis of the degeneracy of the genetic code without altering the corresponding amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

3. A replicable recombinant DNA molecule comprising a self-replicable vector and

an isolated DNA molecule according to claim 2.

4. A host cell transformed with a replicable recombinant DNA molecule according to claim 3.

5. The transformed host cell according to claim 4, which is *Escherichia coli*.

6. A process for preparing a recombinant thermostable enzyme, comprising the steps of:

culturing a host cell according to claim 4 to express and produce the recombinant thermostable enzyme; and

collecting the expressed and produced recombinant thermostable enzyme to prepare the recombinant thermostable enzyme.

7. The isolated DNA molecule according to claim 1, which is derivable from a microorganism of the genus *Sulfolobus*.

8. A replicable recombinant DNA molecule comprising a self-replicable vector and an isolated DNA molecule according to claim 1.

9. A host cell transformed with a replicable recombinant DNA molecule according to claim 8.

10. The transformed host cell according to claim 9, which is *Escherichia coli*.

11. A process for preparing a recombinant thermostable enzyme, comprising the steps of:

culturing a host cell according to claim 9 to express and produce the recombinant thermostable enzyme; and

collecting the expressed and produced recombinant thermostable enzyme to prepare the recombinant thermostable enzyme.

12. The replicable recombinant DNA as claimed in claim 8, wherein said self-replicable vector is plasmid vector Bluescript II SK(+).

13. The process as claimed in claim 11, wherein the produced recombinant thermostable enzyme is collected by one or more techniques selected from the group consisting of centrifugation, filtration, concentration, salting out, dialysis, separatory sedimentation, ion-exchange chromatography, gel filtration chromatography, hydrophobic chromatography, affinity chromatography, gel electrophoresis and isoelectrophoresis.

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File: USPT

US-PAT-NO: 6017899

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6017899 A

TITLE: Non-reducing saccharide-forming enzyme, its preparation and uses

DATE-ISSUED: January 25, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Kubota; Michio	Osaka			JP
Sugimoto; Toshiyuki	Okayama			JP
Miyake; Toshio	Okayama			JP

US-CL-CURRENT: 514/53; 426/658, 435/100, 514/54, 514/61, 514/777, 514/778

CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. A composition which consists essentially of

(i) a saccharide composition comprising

trehalose and non-reducing saccharides consisting of one or more glucose molecules bound to one trehalose molecule via the .alpha.-1,4 linkage or the .alpha.-1,6 linkage, where the total content of said non-reducing saccharides with two and three glucose molecules bound to the trehalose molecule is more than 43 w/w % but not more than 99 w/w %,

(ii) a member selected from the group consisting of foodstuffs, cosmetically acceptable materials, and pharmaceutically accepted materials,

whereby said saccharide composition is obtained by:

(a) contacting a solution containing reducing partial starch hydrolysates with an enzyme to form a non-reducing saccharide having a trehalose structure, said enzyme having the following physicochemical properties:

(1) Action

Converting at least one reducing partial starch hydrolysate having a degree of glucose polymerization of three or more to a non-reducing saccharide having a trehalose structure as an end unit;

(2) Molecular Weight

About 76,000-87,000 daltons on sodium dodecylsulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis;

(3) Isoelectric point

About 3.4-4.6 on isoelectrophoresis using ampholyte;

(4) Optimum Temperature

About 35-40.degree. C. when incubated at pH 7.0 for 60 minutes;

(5) Optimum pH

About 6.4-7.2 when incubated at 40.degree. C. for sixty minutes;

(6) Thermal Stability

Stable to a temperature of about 35-40.degree. C. when incubated at pH 7.0 for 60 minutes; and

(7) pH Stability

Stable at a pH of about 5.5-11.0 when incubated at 25.degree. C. for 16 hours;

(b) contacting the product from step (a) with glucoamylase or .alpha.-glucosidase to form trehalose; and

(c) collecting the resulting saccharide composition.

2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the step (b) further contains a step of crystallizing said trehalose.

3. The composition of claim 2, wherein said trehalose is hydrous- or anhydrous-crystalline trehalose.

4. The composition of claim 1, wherein the resultant mixture in the step (b) is further subjected to column chromatography using a strongly-acidic cation-exchange resin to increase the content of trehalose.

5. The composition of claim 1, wherein the trehalose structure in said non-reducing saccharide is located in its end unit.

6. The composition of claim 5, wherein said non-reducing saccharide having a trehalose structure is an .alpha.-glycosyl trehalose shown by the formula:

G.sub.n --T

wherein the symbol "G", "n", and "T" mean glucose, at least one integer and .alpha., .alpha.-trehalose residues, respectively.

7. The composition of claim 1, wherein said reducing partial starch hydrolysate is one or more reducing partial starch hydrolysates having a degree of glucose polymerization of 3 or higher.

8. The composition of claim 1, which is a food product.

9. The composition of claim 1, which is a cosmetic.

10. The composition of claim 1, which is a pharmaceutical.

11. A composition according to claim 1, wherein said enzyme is derived from a microorganism.

12. A composition according to claim 11, wherein said microorganism is a member selected from the group consisting of the genera Rhizobium, Arthrobacter, Brevibacterium, Flavobacterium, Micrococcus, Curtobacterium, Mycobacterium and Terrabacter, and mutants thereof.

13. A composition according to claim 1, wherein said enzyme has at least one partial amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) X.sub.1 -arginine-threonine-proline-X.sub.2
-serine-threonine-tyrosine-arginine-leucine- (SEQ ID NO: 9), wherein the X.sub.1 is
valine or methionine and X.sub.2 is alanine or valine;

(b) glycine-valine-glutamic acid-aspartic
acid-threonine-alanine-phenylalanine-phenylalanine-arginine-tyrosine- (SEQ ID NO:
6);

(c) leucine-valine-glutamine-leucine-threonine-methionine-proline-glycine-val
ine-proline- (SEQ ID NO: 7); and

(4) glutamic acid-glycine-arginine-X.sub.3 -serine-X.sub.4
-tyrosine-alanine-X.sub.5 -alanine- (SEQ ID NO: 10), wherein X.sub.3 is glycine or
glutamine, X.sub.4 is proline or arginine, and X.sub.5 is valine or glutamic acid.

14. A composition according to claim 1, wherein said non-reducing saccharide is an
.alpha.-glycosyl trehalose of the formula:

G.sub.n --T

wherein G, N, and T mean glucose residue, at least one integer, and
.alpha., .alpha.-trehalose residue, respectively.

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ABSTRACT:

Disclosed is a recombinant thermostable enzyme which has a molecular weight of about 69,000-79,000 daltons and a pI of about 5.4-6.4, and forms non-reducing saccharides having a trehalose structure as an end unit from reducing amylaceous saccharides having a degree of glucose polymerization of at least 3. The enzyme has satisfactorily high thermostability, i.e. it is substantially not inactivated even when incubated in an aqueous solution (pH 7.0) at 85.degree. C. for 60 min, and this facilitates the production of such non-reducing saccharides on an industrial scale and in a satisfactorily-high yield.

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